The Lapeer District Library will be the community’s destination for resources, education, technology and connections.

Lapeer District Library
Special Meeting of April 27, 2019
Metamora Branch Library
Minutes

19S.04.01 Call to Order: Mrs. Watz, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

19S.04.02 Roll Call:

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Quorum is 4. There are ___6___ Board members present.

Also present are Mellissa Malcolm, Lapeer District Library director (LDL); Patricia Presby, recorder; and audience members, Pamela Orr, Susan Beal, and Mark Monson.

19S.04.03 Public Comments: Audience members were greeted and invited to state their name and interest in coming.

19S.04.04 Additions/Deletions/Approval of agenda: Mrs. Rykhus moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:
19S.04.05 Shirley Bruursema, Kent District Library Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, presented information and ideas to LDL’s board members in considering passing a bond issue. Her presentation included distributing packets of information, giving her ideas to LDL’s particular community situation, answering questions, and offering pathways to success.

Suggestions that were made include:
- It is imperative to have a grassroots effort and involvement; you can’t have enough of it.
- The library’s millage vote should be in August. With a summer vote, the library will have more opportunities to showcase their services and programs in farmer’s markets, individual community celebrations,
parades, etc. There is more energy in the summer and the library can take advantage of that.

- The questions around LDL’s purchase of property for a future library are not relevant. It was simply a good and timely purchase. If a bond issue passes and there is no place to put the library, then what?
- Question to consider: Did the community understand the need and value of the library, or did they view the library as just books?
- Make the most colorful brochure possible. There should be two brochures—one for the “yes” committee which tells voters to vote yes and one with just the facts for the library to distribute. Lots of information can be put into a tri-fold.
- Pay attention to absentee voters and deadlines for absentee voting. With the passage of state law allowing anyone to get an absentee ballot, that group of voters will increase.
- You can’t have too many street signs put up two weeks before the vote.
- Ten to twelve people are need to make up the core committee. Then there are sub committees.
- Reach all people in the community through a variety of ways.
- If a patron is interested, staff should take their name and address, etc. and they should be contacted later.

**Board Comments or Request for Information:**

The board inquired about the concept of the “committee of the whole.” Information about the various committees are given to board members in their packet a week before the regular board meeting. Then the full board discusses it. Committees are eliminated.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** Mr. Valle moved to adjourn. Mrs. Rykhus seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:** Marguerite de Angeli Library  
May 16, 2019  
Finance Committee 5:00 p.m.  
Full Board 5:30 p.m.